



NZ Diploma in Veterinary Nursing - Veterinary Nursing Clinical Skills

At the time of graduation, the student is expected to be competent in a range of clinical skills, within the scope of their role as a supervised veterinary nurse. As you can appreciate, this is a challenge this year due to Covid-19. If opportunities arise in your clinic for any of the following, we would appreciate the student being involved where possible, to allow them to gain experience and confidence.

Preparation of the Anaesthetic Patient, Induction, Admit, Discharge, Fluid therapy and Nutrition (Theory taught in Semester 1 for full time students or in Year One for Part Time students)	
Perform a clinical exam	
Admit a patient	
Discharge a patient	
Calculate drugs	
Draw up drugs	
Administer an intramuscular injection	
Calculate and IVFT rate	
Perform nutritional assessments and calculations	
Apply bandages	
Observe & assist with placement of an IV catheter	
Observe & assist with endotracheal intubation	
Observe & assist with collection of a blood sample	

**Anaesthesia, Surgical Nursing, Dentistry and Diagnostics
(Theory taught in Semester 2 for Full Time students, Year Two for Part Time Students)**

Peri-operative and operative patient monitoring	
Anaesthesia monitoring hours log-10 hours	
Using monitoring equipment during anaesthetic procedures	
Perform anaesthetic machine checks	
Calculate fresh gas flow rates	
Assemble anaesthetic circuits	
Demonstrate IPPV	
Endotracheal tube management	
Clip and prepare complex surgical site	
Aseptic practice: scrubbing, gowning, and gloving, and assist during surgery	
Perform a dental prophylaxis	
Position for radiography-thoracic, abdominal & joint	
Prepare sample and perform urine sediment examination	
Prepare an ear swab sample for microscopic analysis	
Prepare and analyse a blood smear	
Perform a total protein test	
Collect a jugular blood sample	